

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Taylor¹ W6239

Elizabeth

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[f p 12]

State of Virginia County of Norfolk: SS: On this 25th day of October 1818, before me the Subscriber, Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit personally appeared Peter Taylor aged sixty-three years, resident in the County and State aforesaid, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late Act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he the said Peter Taylor, enlisted in the County of Accomac [Accomack] in the State aforesaid in the company commanded by Captain Sansom [?] of the first Virginia Regiment – that he continued to serve in the service of the United States until the end of the war when he was discharged from service at the round O in the State of South Carolina, that he was in the battles of Guilford Court house [March 15, 1781], Ninety Six [Siege of Ninety Six, May – June 1781], Camden [probably Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781], and Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support and that he hath no other evidence in his power of his said services, except the evidence of John Smith hereto annexed.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ Rich'd E. Parker

[f p 14: John Smith gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Peter Taylor at the time of the revolutionary war and was aware of Taylor's enlisting with Captain Sansom, a recruiting officer, in the year 1780; of Taylor going off to war and not returning until after the war was over; that Taylor continued to live in Accomack County until about 1803 when he moved to Norfolk County.]

[f p 15]

Norfolk to wit: Virginia District

On this 15th day of July 1819 Peter Taylor personally appeared before me Richard E Parker a Judge of the General Court of the District aforesaid, and made the following additional declaration, that he enlisted under Captain Sansum [?] on the Eastern Shore of Virginia about the month of October 1780, that just before Christmas he crossed the Bay, & arrived at Chesterfield Court House, where his Regiment rendezvoused under Colonel Campbell in February 1781, whence he was marched to North Carolina & joined the Army under General Greene a short time

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before the Battle of Guilford. That the name of his Major was Edenton – That he served two years in the Continental service & was at the battles as named in his former declaration. That his Colonel Campbell was killed at the Eutaw Springs in the presence of the Affiant but his Christian name he does not recollect. Sworn to before me the 15th day of July 1819. Given under my hand, the court not being yet provided with a seal.

S/ Richard E Parker

[f p. 9]

At a Superior Court of law continued in hell for Norfolk County on the 30th day of October 1820

On this 30th day of October 1820 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of record by act of General Assembly for the said County of Norfolk who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: That he enlisted in the company of infantry commanded by Captain Lancon [?] being the first company of the first Virginia Regiment under the command of Colonel Campbell in or about the year 1780 was in the battle fought at Gilford Courthouse [Guilford Court house, March 15, 1781] in North Carolina by General Green [Nathanael Greene] against the British continued a member of said company till he was discharged according to his original declaration dated on the ___ day of ___ in consequence of which he has received a pension under the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 the number of his pension certificate ___ and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. And I do further solemnly swear that I have no occupation and in consequence of age and infirmity unable to pursue any business and that I have a wife & three children one about nineteen one about fourteen and the other about twelve years of age making my family who reside with me and that only one is able to contribute much to a support

one horse, cart, and plow, one cow and calf, a sow and seven shoats, two chest, and a hand mill, half a dozen chairs & two pots, a grindstone and a square table, a small looking glass, half a dozen knives and forks, and some cracked tea cups, two axes, & two hoes, two iron wages and a small crop of corn and fodder on about three [acres?] of rent ground for which I paid \$20 per year & about one dollar due on account.

S/ Peter Taylor, X his mark

[f p 6: On August 21st, 1843, in Norfolk County Virginia, Elizabeth Taylor, 77, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act as the widow of Peter Taylor, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him in July 1783 the exact day of the month she does not recollect; that her husband died Me 31, 1824 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p 17: On March 26, 1855 in Norfolk County Virginia, the widow, 90, applied for her bounty land entitlement again signing her application with her mark.]

[facts in file: the widow's maiden name was Elizabeth Kelley; her date of birth and names of her parents on not shown; the following family data appears in the file:

William Taylor, son of Peter Taylor and Elizabeth his wife was born the seventh day of September 178_ [last digit indecipherable]

James Taylor, son of above, born 15th of February 1787

Peggy Taylor daughter of the above born the 11th April 1790

Peter Taylor son of the above born seventh February 1792

Caroline Taylor daughter of William and Elizabeth born first June 1832

Elizabeth Taylor daughter of William Taylor and Elizabeth his wife was born August one or 18, 1835

Joseph Taylor son of William and Elizabeth born June 11th, 1825

Babel Taylor son of above parish born December 24, 1821

Thomas Taylor son of the above parents born July 29, 1823 and died August two, 1825

William Henry Taylor son of William and Elizabeth Taylor was born the 29th day of January 1827

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing October 25, 1818 for three years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]